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Re: Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site, Cumberland, Rhode Island: Referral for Filing of Proof of Claim

Dear Mr. Sansonetti:

Enclosed please find a referral requesting the filing of a proof of claim in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings for Armstrong World Industries, Inc. ("Armstrong"). It is our understanding that this proof of claim must be filed by August 31, 2002.

Armstrong is a Potentially Responsible Party ("PRP") at Operable Unit Two of the Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site (the "site") in Cumberland, Rhode Island. Operable Unit Two of the site was formerly used for disposal of wastes containing hazardous substances from 1954 to 1986. Within this period of time, the property was primarily used as a privately-owned, mixed municipal and industrial landfill. EPA has evidence that Armstrong generated hazardous substances that were shipped to the site during the period in which the landfill was in operation.

Additional details regarding the site, investigatory actions, and EPA costs are discussed in the enclosed bankruptcy referral. In anticipation of this referral, regional staff has been in contact with David Street of your office. The regional attorneys assigned to this matter are Wendoly Ortiz Langlois (617-918-1040) and Michelle Lauterback (617-918-1774). The lead technical contact is David J. Newton (617-918-1243).

Thank you for your time in reviewing this document.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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